



Testing it out on wards

Key Facts

- The **Your Care Needs You!** has been designed by the PACT (Partners at Care Transitions) Research Team based in Bradford.
- It is being tested out in a randomised controlled trial in up to 12 hospital Trusts. In most sites the trial will begin in Spring 2021.
- The trial will work out if Your Care Needs You! Improves patients experiences and their safety at transitions & reduces hospital readmission rates.
- In each participating hospital there might be between 3 and 8 wards taking part. These will be wards that mostly care for older people (aged 75 years +).
- Some wards will deliver Your Care Needs You! and some will carry on as they were. Wards will be randomly allocated to each group. Your ward has been allocated to deliver Your Care Needs You!



'The trial will rumble along in the background. You can ignore it for the most part...'

- All patients on your ward can have Your Care Needs You! It doesn't matter what age they are. *Just deliver Your Care Needs You! as you see fit – don't worry about any trial processes.***
- Before the trial begins, you will have up to one month to get Your Care Needs You! up and running on the ward. If you think things are running smoothly by say 2 or 3 weeks we can start the trial sooner.
- When the time is right, researchers will recruit some patients to be followed-up. All this means is that they will be sent questionnaires when they get home. Not everyone on the ward will be recruited.
- Researchers will talk to the ward manager about when is best to come on the ward. The only thing that researchers will need is for someone to check admissions , discharges and a few basic clinical details.



Your Care Needs You!

Preparing in hospital to manage at home

- Researchers will come on to the ward up to two times per week.
- They will be present on the ward for up to 5 months. They will recruit 25 patients.
- When the trial begins, please carry on delivering Your Care Needs You! as you planned, as a usual part of care.***
- After 5 months you can stop delivering Your Care Needs You! if you wish. The booklet, film and advice sheet will always be free online. Staff can watch the training videos etc whenever they want.
- When we have analysed the results we will either present the finding to you or send you a short report.